



Special Education Teacher

School Description: Namaste Charter School is a charter school that opened in 2004 on the near south side of Chicago. We served only kindergarten and first grades in our first year of operation and have grown to full size, serving grades K – 8. We have a diverse student body, a health and wellness focus, and a dual language program option. Please visit our website: www.namastecharterschool.org for more information.

Our Mission: Namaste Charter School aims to change the trajectory of underserved children's lives by promoting lifelong student success and a love of learning by implementing and sharing a groundbreaking educational model that combines health and wellness with academic rigor in a peaceful environment.

School Model: Namaste Charter School is a year round school. Teachers and students get parts of the months of December, April, July, and August off of traditional school. During these months, students might have the option of attending enrichment intercession programming.

Faculty Job Description: Namaste Charter School is looking for dedicated staff members to complete our team for the 2017-2018 school year. Candidates will be selected based on alignment to our mission, relevant experiences, level of training, similar pedagogical beliefs, and demonstration of potential to yield excellent educational outcomes for children.

Our ideal qualifications include, but are not limited to:

- Demonstrated belief in the mission and vision of the school: a holistic approach to movement education integrating cognitive, physical and emotional learning
- Flexibility and a solutions-oriented approach necessary to be a part of a dynamic organization
- Interest in working collaboratively with colleagues and reflecting on own practice to improve instruction for all students
- Being a model of learning and improvement for students and colleagues
- Experience working with a diverse student body
- Willingness to be responsible for consistently managing student behavior within a Peaceful School Culture
- Illinois Certification and relevant endorsements are required
- *Spanish fluency and literacy is highly preferred for this position*

Primary responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Direct Service with Students
 - Co-teach middle school content
 - Support and lead small group instruction
 - Support and lead whole group instruction
 - Lead an advisory group each day
- Direct Service with Families
 - Lead communication to families about IEP progress
 - Lead IEP meetings
 - Communicating with families to support students and help them become advocates for their children
 - Collaborate with community agencies to help families find out of school services
- Direct Support to Teachers
 - Co-plan lessons and long term plans with general education teachers
 - Observe classes to provide suggestions for supporting students with diverse needs
 - Coordinate services between different school spaces
 - Consult with staff in ongoing planning and collaboration meetings
- Compliance with Special Education Law
 - Observe and assess students as part of the Special Education evaluation process
 - Enter notes into Compliance system
 - Participate in IEP meetings and grow to lead own meetings and manage own cases

Starting date: August 2017

Compensation: Namaste Charter School considers its staff to be its most valuable resource and is dedicated to supporting and compensating staff appropriately. All full-time staff members will receive a competitive salary and benefits package.

To Apply: To apply, visit the [Careers page](#) on the Namaste website and submit an initial application. Following an initial application, Namaste welcomes applicants to submit a cover letter, resume and three references to NamasteHiring@gmail.com or fax: 773-376-6495. Cover letter should be specific to our school and should indicate grade level and/or content area preferences, description of relevant experiences, and explanation of candidate's alignment to our mission. Responses to employment inquiries should be expected within 4 weeks.

Statement of Non-Discrimination: Namaste Charter School is committed to a policy of equal treatment for all individuals applying for employment at our school. Namaste does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, handicap, age, religion, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin. Candidates of diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.